

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held relative to a Special Permit application submitted by Fishs Eddy IV, LLC for a new tavern in the multi-tenant commercial plaza at 511 Hooper Road via Zoom Video Conference, held May11, 2021, at 7:18 p.m.

PRESENT:

Members present: L. Miller
L. Ciccirelli
S. McLain
T. Crowley
S. Forster
M. Jaros
D. Kudgus
K. Rose, Alternate

Others present: Marina Lane
Rick Materese
Sarah May
Chad Kies
Jeff Kies
Jim Taber
Dan Faldinski
Pete Beylo
Craig Wademan
Mike Brown
Jerry Judkiewicz

MS. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing for a Special Permit for a Special Use Permit for a tavern use at 511 Hooper Road and I will read the public hearing notice.

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The application is available for review in the Planning Department. Persons wishing to participate in the hearing may do so via Zoom or telephone, or communications in writing regarding said application may be filed with the Planning Board prior to said hearing. Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning

Department at 607-786-2926 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Planning Director.

MS. MILLER: We will open the public hearing. Does anyone have any questions? Does he want to make a public statement?

MS. LANE: Chad, do you have anything that you would like to say for the record this time, since this is the public hearing?

MR. KIES: Not too much at this time. We are pretty excited to get another local business here in town. We have all our ducks in a row for the food permit, pending this Planning Board meeting.

MS. MILLER: Thank you. Are there any questions from the Planning Board?

MS. ROSE: I have one question. Where it says, "The tavern shall comply with COVID restrictions at all times. No seating shall be placed outdoors." Currently a number of eating establishments have tents outdoors. Would that be considered the type of seating that you are talking about that you wouldn't placed outdoors, or would that be considered part of the compliance with COVID restrictions?

MS. LANE: Kirsten, are you are looking at staff recommendations?

MS. ROSE: Yes.

MS. LANE: Those are staff recommendations and we cannot allow businesses to have outdoor seating if they don't have an enclosed protected area. So any of the businesses that you see out there now with outdoor seating who didn't used to have it, for example Irish Kevin's, The Brickyard, Food and Fire, Cacciatore's, they all had to come to us with a plan to show how they would provide safe protected outdoor seating.

MS. ROSE: Okay.

MS. LANE: The case for Chad would be, number one, he is really oriented to the golf simulations. If he wanted to have outdoor seating, he would first need permission from the landlord, and secondly he would need permission from us. We would not grant that permission to him without permission from the landlord. The fact is that unless there is ample space on the sidewalk in front of the building, it could be tricky to have outdoor seating. Again, it is something that could be considered at a later date.

MS. ROSE: I see. Thank you.

MS. MILLER: So if there are no more questions or comments, we will close the public hearing.

Public Hearing concluded: 7:22 p.m.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

CAROL M. KRAWCZYK